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An Office Action issued in the basic German application cited the following prior art: DE 103 43 326.7, priority of which is claimed: EP 1 431 340 A1 (corresponds to US Publication Number 2006/014866; WO 99/02606 (corresponds to US 6,642,288 B1); US 5,500,473; and US 4,036,811.

Copies of all of the above-noted foreign patent documents are enclosed herewith, along with Forms PTO/SB/08A. It is requested that they be fully considered and made of record in this case.

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